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SUBJ: SIAD RENEWS CALL FOR EXTRAORDINARY OAU SESSION ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA

1. ON DECEMBER 26, SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) CARRIED
THE TEXT OF A DECEMBER 24 MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE
TO OAU CHAIRMAN RAMGOOLAM IN WHICH SIAD RENEWED HIS APPEAL FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY OAU HEADS OF STATE OR FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE DANGEROUS SITUATION OBTAINING IN THE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN REGION AS A WHOLE AND MORE PARTICULARLY IN ZIMBABWE HAD
PROMPTED ME TO ADDRESS YOU AN URGENT MESSAGE ON THIRD SEPTEMBER 1976
PROPOSING THE EARLY CONVOCATION OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. SINCE THEN, EXTERNAL
FORCES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED A FREE HAND TO COMPLICATE THE POLITICAL
SITUATION WITHIN ZIMBABWE AND FURTHER ENDANGER PEACE AND SECURITY
OF STATES IN THE REGION. AFRICA CAN NOT WAIT AND WATCH ANY LONGER
WHILE THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE BEING DENIED THEIR INALIENABLE
RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM BY RACIST-IMPERIALIST INTRIGUE
AND MACHINATION. MOREOVER THE INCREASINGLY MORE FREQUENT VIOLENT
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ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE RACISTS AGAINST THE NEIGHBOURING FRONT
LINE SISTER STATES CANNOT BE TOLERATED. EYE THEREFORE DEEM IT
MORE IMPERATIVE THAN EVER, THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY EXERT MAXIMUM
EFFORT TO SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF MEMBER STATES FOR THE EARLY
CONVOCATION OF THE PROPOSED EXTRA-ORDINARY CONFERENCE SO THAT
OUR ORGANIZATION MAY FACE UP TO THE SITUATION AND COLLECTIVELY

DECIDE ON THE WAYS AND MEANS NECESSARY TO AVERT THIS THREAT WHICH
HAS DANGEROUS RAMIFICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE DESTINY OF THE PEOPLE
OF ZIMBABWE AND THE SECURITY AND WELLBEING OF SISTERLY NATIONS IN
THE REGION. END QUOTE.

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